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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN STATE VISIT - PRELIMINARY REPORT

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE CEAUSESCU VISIT TO BONN,
NOW IN ITS NEXT TO LAST DAY, HAS BEEN DOMINATED BY
STRONG ROMANIAN INTEREST IN EXPANDED ECONOMIC COOPER-
ATION. IT HAS APPARENTLY BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THIS FIELD,
JUDGING FROM AGREEMENTS REACHED WITH GERMAN FIRMS ON
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SEVERAL JOINT PROJECTS AND FROM FACT THAT TWO SIDES WERE ABLE TO OVERCOME LAST MINUTE DIFFERENCES IN ORDER TO SIGN LONG- TERM AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. THERE WAS NEVER ANY DOUBT THAT VISIT WOULD BE A POLITICAL SUCCESS SO LONG AS ROMANIANS DID NOT GO AWAY DISAPPOINTED BY RESULTS OF THEIR ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS, A THING WHICH SOME GERMANS FEARED, HOWEVER, GIVEN HIGH LEVEL OF ROMANIAN EXPECTATIONS. EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT DETAILED REPORTS NEXT WEEK AFTER WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH FONOFF AND ECONOMICS MINISTRY. END SUMMARY.

1. THE ATMOSPHERE HAS BEEN GOOD, ALTHOUGH REMARKABLY QUIET IN COMPARISON TO THE BREZHNEV VISIT. CEAUSESCU APPARENTLY ARRIVED IN AN ALL- WORK- AND- NO- PLAY FRAME OF MIND, DETERMINED TO PURSUE HIS ECONOMIC CONCERNS TO THE EXCLUSION OF ALMOST EVERYTHING ELSE. HOWEVER, HE LIGHTENED UP AS THE VISIT PROGRESSED AND PROVED QUITE RECEPTIVE TO GERMAN EFFORTS TO ACKNOWLEDGE ROMANIA'S SPECIAL POSITION IN EASTERN EUROPE, ITS PRECEDENT - SETTING ACT IN ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH THE FRG IN 1967 AND, ITS " PIONEERING ROLE" IN BRINGING ABOUT A CSCE.

2. SEVEN AGREEMENTS WERE FORESEEN FOR POSSIBLE KUHRQETION AND SIGNATURE IN THE COURSE OF THE VISIT: (A) CULTURAL EXCHANGE; (B) SOCIAL SECURITY; (C) DOUBLE TAX TREATY; (D) ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION; (E) LIBRARY EXCHANGE; (F) EXCHANGE OF CONSULATES; (G) SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGE. OF THESE, IT APPEARS THAT THE FIRST FOUR WILL IN FACT BE SIGNED TODAY, JUNE 29. WITH THE OTHERS, THERE HAVE BEEN SNAGS OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER.

3. IT APPEARED UNTIL TODAY THAT THE ROMANIAN DESIRE FOR MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT, WHICH THE GERMANS SAID THEY COULD NOT GRANT OWING TO THE EEC' S COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY, WOULD PREVENT SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. ACCORDING TO TODAY' S PRESS, THE TWO SIDES HAVE GOTTEN AROUND THIS PROBLEM BY REFERRING IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE AGREEMENT TO THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN GATT, (WHICH THE ROMANIANS MAY FEEL GIVES THEM SOME BASIS FOR PURSUING LATER THE QUESTION OF QUOTAS ON SENSITIVE IMPORTS FROM ROMANIA).

4. TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES OF SOME SORT ARE APPARENTLY HOLDING UP THE COMPLETION OF THE AGREEMENT ON LIBRARY

EXCHANGES. AS FOR CONSULAR EXCHANGE, THE TWO SIDES
HAV E REPORTEDLY NOT YET SUCCEEDED IN DEFINING FULLY
THE COMPETENCES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSULATES,
ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT THE
ROMANIANS WILL OPEN ONE IN MUNICH AND THE FRG ONE IN
HERMANNSTADT. AS INDICATED IN BONN 9214, THE
ROMANIANS WANTED TO ESTABLISH A NUMBER OF CONSULATES
BUT THE FRG IS NOT WILLING AT THIS TIME TO PERMIT A
PROLIFERATION OF EASTERN EUROPEAN CONSULATES ON ITS
TERRITORY.

5. THE AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
EXCHANGE IS BEING HELD UP, LIKE THE ONE WITH THE USSR,

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BY A PROBLEM RELATED TO ITS EXTENSION TO BERLIN. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR THE CONCLUSION OF SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENTS WHICH THE FRG WOULD LIKE TO HAVE EXTENDED AUTOMATICALLY TO BERLIN UNDER THE TERMS OF THE UMBRELLA AGREEMENT, IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE SOME OF THESE SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENTS WILL BE CONCLUDED ON THE GERMAN SIDE BY PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS THAT WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO HANDLE THE BERLIN PROBLEM THEMSELVES. THE ROMANIANS, HOWEVER, ARE TAKING THE LINE FOLLOWED
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BY THE USSR AND OTHER EE' S-- THAT AGREEMENTS MUST BE EXTENDED TO BERLIN ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS, AS THEY ARISE.

6. IN ADDITION TO A COMMUNIQUE, A JOINT DECLARATION IS PLANNED. PREDICTABLY, THE ROMANIANS HAVE INSISTED ON ITS CONTAINING VERY STRONG LANGUAGE ON SOV-EREIGNTY AND SELF- DETERMINATION. THE GERMANS, FOR THEIR PART, ARE PRESSING FOR A PASSAGE ON THE " NATIONAL UNITY OF PEOPLES." THE GERMANS ALSO HOPE TO DO NO LESS WELL THAN THE ITALIANS DID IN GETTING THEIR GUESTS TO AGREE TO A STATEMENT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN CONTACTS ACROSS STATE BORDERS.
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